

## **II. REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 11 to 13, 15 to 22, 24, 28, 30 and 31 will be pending. Claims 2 to 10, 14, 23, 25 to 27, and 29 were previously cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the underlying subject matter. Claims 32 to 39 were withdrawn by the Examiner as allegedly being drawn to a non-elected invention and are cancelled by this Amendment without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the underlying subject matter.

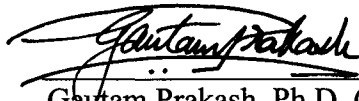
Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment because it places the application in consideration for allowance or presents the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(2).

### **III. CONCLUSION**

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice of such is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 202-942-5746 if any additional information is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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